

Short Discussion on “Drought Situation and Floods in the State” presented by Sri Dharmana Prasada Rao, Minister for Revenue, Relief & Rehabilitation in the A.P. Legislative Council.

I. Drought:

Based on the deficit rainfall received during the South-West Monsoon (2009), dry-spells, area left fallow and the damage to standing crops, etc., State Government declared 1068 Mandals in 22 districts as drought affected. “Memorandum on Drought situation in Andhra Pradesh” was submitted to Government of India seeking a financial assistance of Rs.10,106.78 crores i.e., Rs.3,968.50 crores under National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) and Rs.6,138.28 crores under other schemes.

Funds Sanctioned by Government of India under National Calamity Contingency Fund:

Government of India sanctioned an amount of Rs. 572.91 crores on 19.01.2010, under drought, out of which Rs.207.33 crores was sanctioned for employment upto 50 days over and above the 100 days under wage employment on reimbursement basis. Further, Gol allocated an additional amount of Rs.1200 crores under NREGS (National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme) for creation of additional employment in rural areas. Gol also allocated an additional allocation of 1.07 lakh Mts of Rice to the State for distribution in drought affected areas in the State.

Funds Sanctioned by the Government from Calamity Relief Fund.

State Government sanctioned an amount of Rs.576.77 crores to mitigate the drought affected families in the State. The department wise details are

TABLE-I
Details of amounts sanctioned for Drought in the year 2009

Sl. No	Department	Amount Sanctioned (Rs.in Crores)
1	Agriculture - Seed Subsidy (Rs.35.00 Cr. & Input Subsidy Rs.471.47 Cr.)	506.47
2	Horticulture - Seed Subsidy (Rs.5.00 Cr. & Input Subsidy Rs.21.18 Cr.)	26.18
3	Urban Drinking Water Supply	22.12
4	Rural Drinking Water Supply	18.50
5	Animal Husbandry	3.50
TOTAL		576.77

A Contingency Plan for Rs.39.84 crores has been prepared to meet the drinking water requirements in ensuing summer.

II. Floods

Heavy to very heavy rainfall was received in the State during 29th September to 4th October 2009. Due to heavy rainfall in upper catchment areas of Krishna River in Karnataka and huge outflows of water from reservoirs caused floods to Thungabhadra, Hundri and Kundu rivers in the State. Due to this 13 districts were affected in the State, of which 5 districts namely Kurnool, Mahaboobnagar, Krishna, Guntur and Nalgonda were severely affected due to floods. In the remaining 8 districts (Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, West Godavari, Ananthapur, Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, Nizamabad and Karimnagar) only crops were affected.

Population & Livestock Affected:

•	No. of districts affected	:	13
•	No. of Mandals affected	:	162
•	No. of Population Affected	:	20.72 lakhs
•	No. of Human Lives Lost	:	90
•	No. of Cattle Lost	:	49,686
•	No. of Poultry lost	:	1,01,066
•	No. of Houses Damaged	:	2,59,095

Status on Relief Camps:

- 403 relief camps have been organized in 87 mandals.
 - 4.43 lakh persons took shelter in the relief camps.
 - 54.40 lakh food packets were distributed.
 - 92.93 lakh water sachets were distributed.
 - 378 medical camps were organized and steps were taken to prevent out-break of epidemics.
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- 131 veterinary camps were organized and steps were taken to prevent out-break of epidemics.

The damages caused to Public Properties were estimated at Rs.12,456.27 crores. State Government submitted a memorandum to Government of India seeking a total financial assistance of Rs.11707.85 crores i.e Rs.3166.01 crores under National Calamity Contingent Fund and Rs.8541.84 crores under other schemes.

Government of India sanctioned an amount of Rs. 606.88 crores from NCCF on 19.01.2010 for flood management. Further an amount of Rs.69.785 crores assistance from special component of National Rural Drinking Water Programme(NRDWP) and payment of Air bills for airdropping of essential supplies, based on actuals are approved. GoI also

allocated an additional allocation of 10,000 Mts of Rice to the State for flood relief in flood affected areas in the State.

Government sanctioned an amount of Rs.835.86 crores from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) to departments and the District collectors have drawn and utilized an amount of Rs.192.63 crores under TR-27 to mitigate the flood affected families in the State. The department wise details are:

TABLE - II
Details of amounts sanctioned for floods in the year 2009

Sl. No	Department	Amount Sanctioned (Rs.in Crores)
1	E-in-C (R&B) for Temp. Restoration	150.00
2	Minor Irrigation	149.99
3	E-in-C (PR) for Temp. Restoration	124.00
4	Civil Supplies	100.00
5	Municipal Administration	130.00
6	Agriculture Input Subsidy	71.02
7	E-in-C (RWS) for Temp. Restoration	36.00
8	Horticulture Input Subsidy	22.39
9	Director of health	17.00
10	Animal Husbandry	10.78
11	Housing	12.99
12	Fisheries	5.96
13	Panchayat Raj (Sanitation) [Panchayat raj & Rural Employment]	4.34
14	Handlooms & Textiles	1.37
15	Sericulture	0.02
SUB - TOTAL		835.86
Drawn Under TR-27 by the Districts		192.63
GRAND TOTAL		1028.49

Steps taken by the Government:

- Government enhanced the ex-gratia amount to the families of the deceased persons to Rs.2.00 lakhs from the current Rs.1.00 lakh. (Rs.50,000/- from CRF, Rs.50,000/- from Apathbandhu and Rs. 1,00,000/- from CMRF (in case if the individual is not eligible under Apathbandhu Rs.1,00,000 will be given from CRF). Hon'ble Prime Minister has sanctioned Rs.1.00 lakh from Prime Minister's Relief Fund.
- Government enhanced the compensation amount for fully damaged houses to Rs.5,000/- from Rs.4,000/- and for severely damaged houses to Rs.4,000/- from Rs.3,000/- per house.
- An amount of Rs.1000/- each for clothing and utensils has been enhanced to Rs.1500/- each.
- Earlier, the eligibility to claim the compensation was 7 days inundation. This has been reduced to one day inundation.
- The following provisions were given for each of affected families at free of cost over and above 20 Kgs. Rice and 5 ltrs. Kerosene which was already distributed.

Rice	-	20 Kgs.
Dal	-	2 Kgs.
Kerosene	-	5 Ltrs.
Sugar	-	2 Kgs.
Palm Oil	-	2 Kgs.

- Government sanctioned 22,578 temporary shelters to the needy affected families. Housing Department was asked to coordinate with NGOs while providing of temporary shelters to the needy affected families.
- Government decided to extend under Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) Scheme along with Indiramma Scheme, at a unit cost of Rs.68,450/- for providing houses to those, whose houses have been completely damaged, relocation of the houses will be attempted wherever necessary. 1.00 lakh houses have been sanctioned in this regard.

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